

Remarks

The Applicants acknowledge the Restriction Requirement dividing the Application into Group I, including Claims 20 – 29, and Group II, including Claims 30 – 38. The Applicants traverse the restriction and have amended Claim 20 by incorporating a number of features from Claim 30 therein.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to Claim 20 highlights the unity of invention between Groups I and II and we, therefore, respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and that all of the Claims be examined on the merits at this time.

For the sake of being fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect Group II, including Claims 30 – 38, for immediate prosecution. This election is made solely for the purpose of responsiveness and the Applicants respectfully request that the Claims be recombined into a single Group for immediate examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Claims (Clean Copy)

20. (Amended) A method for processing at least one substance in a reservoir of a microdosing device, said reservoir having an outlet being adapted for microdroplet delivery, comprising the steps of:

arranging a solid carrier material as a solid phase with a binding-active surface in the reservoir, said carrier material being held with a drive device located outside said reservoir,

uptaking a solution or suspension of the substance into the reservoir;

moving the carrier material in the reservoir with said drive device and binding the substance to a surface of the carrier material; and

treating and/or collecting the substance in the reservoir.